(b) the number of persons killed in these accidents and whether any compensation was provided to their families;

(c) the main causes of such accidents on the National Highways and the preventive action taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government propose to construct 'Truck Bays' on the National Highways; and

(e) if so, by what time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The total number of accidents and persons killed on National Highways in Rajasthan during the last three years are:

Year	No. of Accidents	No. of persons killed
1988	1548	467
1989	3237	1278
1990	3642	1493

The matter regarding any compensation to the families of those killed concerns the State Govt. and the General Assurance Corporation, and no such details are maintained by the Central Govt.

(c) Main causes of road accidents on National Highways as well as other Highways include fault of drivers, mechanical defects of vehicles, fault of pedestrians, bad weather, traffic conditions, road deficiencies, etc. The Govt. has taken a series of measures to reduce the incidence of accidents including, inter alia, more stringent provisions in the Motor Vehicles Act for vehicle fitness/driver licensing setting up of Road Safety Councils, creation of wayside amenities for driver comfort, removal of deficiencies on National Highways etc.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. This is a continuous process and Truck Lay Byes are being provided on National Highways as and when need is perceived keeping in view the availability of funds.

World Bank Assistance for increasing Foodgrain production in Rajasthan

4205. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) wheter the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for World Bank assistance for a project costing four hundred crores rupees for increasing the production of foodgrains in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) The Government of Rajasthan is presently preparing an Agriculture Development Project for World Bank assistance. The Project is intended to promote an improved strategy for development and to help finance specific priority investments consistent with an acceptable agricultural strategy. The project cost has not yet been finalised.